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Dear Mr. Gaylord:

This is in response to five (5) separate requests, dated 28 February and 2 March 1978, which were made on your behalf by Mr. Jack H. Taylor, Jr., Special Assignments/Investigations, of your organization.

Please be advised that before we can continue to process these requests we will have to receive your firm commitment to pay the resultant search fees as well as any reproduction costs of any material which may be located and made available to you. Mr. Taylor has indicated your company's willingness to pay only the latter costs. It has been our experience that reproduction costs make up only a small portion of the total costs of processing a request, and that search fees comprise the bulk of these costs. Furthermore, we have considered these costs and determined that they cannot be waived since the material that may be located and released would be of insufficient public interest to justify such a waiver.

We would have wanted to provide you at this time with a preliminary estimate of the resultant processing costs, but, find that we cannot do so without additional information and clarification from you. For example, in the request concerning the Phillips Petroleum Company, your request includes "any of its subsidiaries, divisions or affiliates in the United States or overseas, or any of the personnel of Phillips or its affiliated companies." Your request concerning the Williams Companies and the Kerr-McGee Corporation include similar language. Please be advised that such requests cannot be acknowledged simply because we would have to perform research in order to even begin processing them. Such research is neither required nor authorized under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

Your request concerning Mr. Irving I. Davidson will be acknowledged after you provide us with his date and place of birth together with a notarized affidavit from Mr. Davidson authorizing this agency to release to you personal information which may be in this agency's files concerning himself.

In your request concerning this agency's affiliations with the University of Oklahoma, you include research projects involving drugs. Please note that the University has been advised of such activity and copies of the materials released may be available there. We would also ask you to clarify that part of your request wherein you specify "all contact," since it could be processed only insofar as records of overt contacts are concerned; and yet we note that such overt contacts at the University are not necessarily of interest to you since you specifically exclude recruitment activities. On the other hand, any additional records, if they exist, which would be responsive to your request and which reveal any covert CIA connection with or interest in matters relating to those set forth in your request and, indeed, any data that might reveal the existence of any such additional records would be duly classified under criteria set forth in Executive Order 11652. Accordingly, and pursuant to the authority of exemption (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this is to advise that this Agency will not grant access to any additional records that may exist which might be responsive to your request. By this answer, we are neither denying nor confirming that any such additional records exist.

It has been determined further that the fact of the existence or non-existence of such additional covert records, if any, would relate to information pertaining to intelligence sources and methods which the Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility to protect from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. Accordingly, such additional records, if any, would be denied pursuant to exemption (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The above determination was made by STAT
Assistant for Information, Administration Directorate.

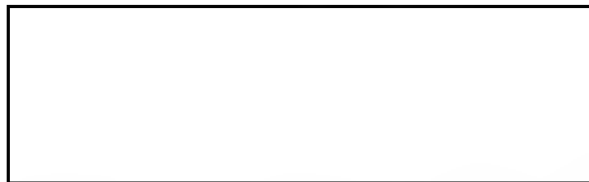
As specified in the Freedom of Information Act, I am advising you of your right to appeal these decisions by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee via the undersigned.

The applicability of the Freedom of Information Act subsections cited above is explained as follows:

(b)(1) applies to material which is properly classified pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order 11652, and is exempt under Section 5(B) of the same Order; and,

(b)(3) applies to the Director's statutory obligations to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency, in accordance with the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949, respectively.

Per paragraph (b) of the enclosed schedule of fees, we are suspending the running of the response time for all of these requests until we receive your commitment, together with the additional notarization, clarifications, etc., as set forth above. At the same time we offer you this opportunity to modify your requests in terms that would make their processing costs of corresponding value to your interests. For your information, the average cost of searches in processing a request concerning an individual or an organization usually amounts to approximately \$100 each. Such search fees, furthermore, are payable even though little or no information may be located and made available to you. Finally, and depending upon the number of searches you set forth, we also wish to inform you that a deposit, for approximately one-half of the total estimated processing costs, would be required before your requests would be processed.



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